

# Silver Lake Park

*An Environmental Jewel  
for the Citizens of  
Prince William County*



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# What the Prince William County Park Authority Plans for Silver Lake

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- Meet With Citizens to Finalize Park Master Plan
- Immediate Safety and Security Improvements to Facilities
- Restore and Maintain This Environmental Jewel for Future Prince William Citizen's Enjoyment
- Immediately Conduct an Environmental Analysis of Property
- Restoration of Natural Resources Where Possible



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## Primary Programs:

- Hiking, Non-motorized Boating, Horseback Riding and Picnicking
- Primitive Camping Programs – No RV Parking or RV Camping is Planned
- Environmental Preservation and Maintenance
- Education Programs Provided By, With and For School Children and Interested Citizen Groups



# What the Prince William County Park Authority Knows About Citizen Wants and Needs

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- From the 2008 County-Wide Recreation Survey, Only 50% of Citizen's Recreation Needs Are Being Met By the Park Authority
- Citizens Trust the Park Authority To Do the Right Thing
  - 89.6% satisfied with facilities and services
  - 93.7% satisfied for effective and efficient services
- Over 77% of Citizens Want More County-Owned Recreation Facilities Developed
- Citizens Want to Be Involved in the Planning Process
- The Number One Request in 2002 and 2008 Surveys – More Trails, Green Space and Open Space



# Silver Lake Developments

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- **Trails**  
Connectivity of Public to Public Facilities
- **Education**  
Expand Partnership with Schools to Increase Environmental and Habitat Studies
- **Open Space Preservation**  
Preserve, Maintain, and Protect the Natural Surroundings



# Silver Lake Developments

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- **Stewardship** – Our Proposal Addresses the Immediate Need to Start Restoring and Maintaining this Precious Open Space
- **Accessibility** – We Believe Our Plan Provides the Greatest Accessibility to the Public While Addressing the Needs Identified in Both the 2002 and 2008 Citizen’s Recreation Needs Survey
- **Safety/Security** – Our Proposal Has Been Recognized as the Most Viable for Protection of the Property, Visitors and Neighbors



# Primary Advantages For The Prince William County Park Authority To Own and Operate Silver Lake

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- The Park Authority is Owned and Controlled by the Citizens of Prince William County Through the Board of County Supervisors and the Park Authority Board
- The Park Authority Acquires 230 Acres at No Cost to Citizens
- Maintenance and Restoration Projects Can Begin Immediately
- We Have a 30-Year History of Being a Good Neighbor
- Citizens Trust Our Efficiency and Programming Expertise  
(Source: UVA Annual Survey)



# Summary

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- **There is a Huge Demand for Additional Parks, Open Space and Trails in Prince William County as Expressed in Needs Assessment Surveys and the GOB Vote**
- **Citizens Indicate a Willingness to Pay for these Recreation Amenities**
- **Silver Lake Will Move Us Forward, by 230 Passive Acres, Toward Satisfying the Needs of Your Constituents**



# Park Authority Recommendation: Polish This Jewel Together

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By Doing So, Public Access to This  
Exceptional Facility is Guaranteed for Today's  
Community and Future Generations